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1. BOGOTA NEWSPAPER RAN A STORY THAT WILSON PINZON AND DARIO PINZON WERE ARRESTED BY F-2 POLICE UNDER SUSPICION OF RUNNING A PASSPORT AND VISA FRAUD RING FOR COLOMBIANS TRAVELING TO U.S. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPTS FROM POLICE OF INTERROGATION OF PINZON BROTHERS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY LINK BETWEEN THEIR ACTIVITIES AND AMERICAN OR COLOMBIAN CONSULATE STAFF.

2. AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN CASES OF THIS TYPE, THERE IS LITTLE POSSIBILITY COLOMBIAN INVESTIGATION WILL LEAD TO CONVICTION OF PINZON BROTHERS; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN PUT PRESSURE ON THE PINZON BROTHERS TO TALK ABOUT ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE EMBASSY IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE SWORN STATEMENTS FROM PALACIO OR INS REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF PINZON BROTHERS IN PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS FOR PALACIO.

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3. HAS SY FIELD OFFICE, NEW YORK, SHOWN PALACIO PHOTOS WE SENT NOVEMBER 25, 1977? IF SO, WHAT ARE RESULTS? IF NOT, URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION SO WE CAN FOLLOW ANY LEADS DEVELOPED.

4. BECAUSE CASE INVOLVES VISA FRAUD, PLEASE COORDINATE WITH VISA FRAUD OFFICE IN DEPARTMENT.

5. THE ARREST OF PINZON BROTHERS IS OUR BEST LEAD TO DATE AND
COULD RESOLVE QUESTION OF ANY INVOLVEMENT ON THE PART OF EMBASSY
STAFF.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE.
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